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SAUCER PANICS CATTLE

"Meteor" Panics Baseball Crowd

Another one of those huge, phenomenal, several-second meteors scared the daylights out of players and spectators alike at a baseball game at Vancouver, B. C., Canada, on May 28, 1962. Descriptions indicated that this beauty had an angular displacement of at least 10 degrees, traversed a 30 degree area of the sky in 5 seconds. Fans in the third base bleachers at Capilano Stadium were the first to spot the object during the 12th inning. They cried out in panic, players looked up from the diamond, then ran for the dugout along with the umpires. The object was huge, and glowed with a brilliance like a magnesium flare. A control tower employee at Vancouver International Airport said it was "as big as an aircraft hangar."

Reports to police switchboards described an off-course rocket, a comet or a flaming airplane. The object was seen in Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Fort Assiniboine, (Alta.), Spokane and Lewiston, Idaho.

Research scientist Frank Hughes of nearby North Surry said he had observed 200 meteors, and this was the largest he had ever seen. Dr. R. M. Petrie, head of the Dominion Astrophysical Observatory at Victoria said the descriptions "applied to meteors" (quotes ours), that it must have been a big one. "A meteor is usually seen for just a second or two. This one would have to be huge to have been visible for so long or it would have burned itself out more quickly," he said.

Some observations: There has been an increase in the observation of these unusually large, brilliant meteors in 1962, coincidental with the appearance of larger number of saucer and cigar-shaped aerial phenomena. Some curious things about the giant fireballs: Very brilliant, large, low, sometimes emitting flashes of blinding light (see recent bulletins) they are seen over very large areas, they make no noise except an occasional thunderous crash, and are never observed to crash.

Barometers React To "Meteor"

A mysterious bright object flashed across the western sky in Western Washington state at 10:45 p. m. on 31 July 1962. The Weather Bureau said the object apparently caused pressure changes similar to those noted after large nuclear explosions. Observers said the object "looked like a jet," but didn't sound like one—it made no sound at all, and was going much too fast. Needles recording barometric pressure "jumped" in Seattle, Olympia and Toledo. It was not immediately determined whether or not the change was a rise or a fall in pressure.

The object, first seen in the southwest sky, disappeared in the northeast. It moved horizontally about 35 degrees above the western horizon, and appeared to be disintegrating, with pieces dropping off. Then it flared up even brighter and seemed to die out.

A Tacoma woman who saw the object said it was quite large, had no tail, was the color of the sun and about "half the size of a soccer ball."

At McChord AFB, tower observers said they didn't see the object. Robert Gribble, of National Investigations Commission on Aerial Phenomena feels the object was not a meteor due to its horizontal flight path, and duration of his observation, which was 20 seconds. His conclusion seems to be reasonable.

Saucer Lands In Italy

In the early hours of the 18th of December, 1962, a watchman on duty in the courtyard of a suburban factory in Milan, Italy, reported to police that he had seen a "3-foot, 4-inch man climb out of a 'flying saucer' after it landed in the courtyard. The little creature beckoned to the watchman, then another small man gestured the first one back into the ship which took off. Police frowned upon the report, but launched an official investigation. More will be printed on this incident when more details are received.

From Peter Norris comes the following information gleaned from "The Sun": Dairy farmer Mr. Charlie Brew of Ole Sale Road, Willow Grove, northwest of Moe, Australia, has reported that a "thick disc" frightened a horse and his cow herd on 16 February 1963. The disc, "battleship grey" in color, appeared to have a band of glass or plastic around the circumference and number of protrusions which looked like scoops, according to Brew.

Mr. Brew and his son Trevor were milking the cows at shortly after 7 a. m. on the morning of the 16th. It was raining heavily at the time. Brew looked out of the cow shed, saw the object coming down in a fairly steep but slow descent. Brew said he thought it was going to land when it reached an approximate altitude of 75 to 100 feet. Suddenly, however, it shot off in a westerly direction at what seemed to be about two or three times the speed of a jet, then it disappeared into a cloud.

Trevor did not see the object, Brew reported, but he did hear the "pulsating, whooshing" sound it made as it revolved overhead. "The cows turned somersaults and the horse reared up in panic," Mr. Brew said. "The whole visit last only a matter of seconds."

Brew admitted that he had often scoffed at reports of UFO, but swears the thing he saw was real. If more information comes in as a result of Mr. Norris' investigation, it will be printed in this or a forthcoming issue.

Saucer At Sheffield Reservoirs

Until August 19, cutlery worker Walter Revill of Sheffield, England, had believed flying saucers were "rubbish," and didn't mind saying so. On that date, however, he changed his mind. He and a friend, Mrs. Teresa Spotswood had been out, and when they returned to Mrs. Spotswood's home, Mrs. S. opened the back door because it was warm inside. She started outside in amazement, then called Revill. Together, for about 15 minutes they watched a bright orange

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In Argentina

The 1962 "flap" seemed to have officially opened with the January sighting of a UFO at such close quarters that details were easily observed. (See recent issue of the Bulletin). However, the interesting Argentinian series of sightings seemed to get under way with a vengeance in May. The following reports came to APRO via our Argentinian representative Juan Remonda as well as our ex-representative in that country, Bernard Passion, who now resides in Los Angeles, U.S.A.

On the 12th of May 1962, at between 4 and 4:40 a. m., residents of Cordoba, Argentina saw a strange object plowing through the atmosphere. It traveled at high speed. News reports were skimpy, but Mr. Remonda forwarded the following: Two young ladies, Yolanda and Miriam Curas, of Cordoba, driving from Rosario to Cordoba, in the area of Oncativo, saw a great thick fog which covered the road. They were forced to travel with the car in low gear to prevent a collision. Before encountering the fog, however, they had observed an elongat-

ed, brilliant object with streaks of green, red and yellow, cross the road at high speed ahead of them. Then they encountered the fog. When they observed, later on, the strange object sitting beside the road and partially hidden by bushes, they noticed that the fog was considerably decreased. The object was described as a "reddish hut-shaped thing." Windows or portholes were evident.

Both of the young ladies said nothing until they read in the newspapers that others in the area had observed unexplainable objects in the samemorning.

The next report came from Chumbica, Catamarca, where, approximately 30 minutes after the Cordoba sighting, a number of people waiting for a bus from the Cadol Line which provides passenger service between Cordoba and Catamarca, saw a luminous body which followed a horizontal line of light at a very low altitude. It appeared to throw out bright white and blue streaks behind, and was so bright it illuminated the ground beneath it. Observers said the object "turned the night into day with its brilliance." The object disappeared over the horizon and later, when the bus and other passengers arrived, they told of the strange object they had seen at about 4:40 in the vicinity of Carranza. This corresponds with the direction of disappearance of the object seen by the observers at Catamarca.

Early in the morning of the next day (Sunday 13 May), in the region of Mayor Buratovich, Senor Rene Ottaviani, his wife and a relative observed two shining "dots" flying parallel close paths and emitting a bright orange light. The objects traveled at very high speed toward the southwest. The observation was corroborated by many others in nearby areas.

A resident of La Barrera, about 15 kilometers from La Rioja informed correspondents for "La Nacion" that he saw an object surrounded by a brilliant halo of yellow and red light which moved speedily into the west at a constant altitude. The claims of the observer, Senor Raul Diaz were corroborated by hunters in the same area.

In Ameghno, Dr. Jorge M. Vallina and companions reported seeing a shiny, phosphorescent green object with a tail the "color of fire." Upon nearing the object, the witnesses observed that there were four or five slightly elongated balls which, when seen together, gave the appearance of a cigar-shaped object. The object was low and traveled from Northwest to Southeast.

The Villa Harding Green airport was the setting of another sighting 5 days

later, on the 18th of May. Personnel at the airport saw a small, reddish object of high luminosity moving in a horizontal path over the landing field during the early morning hours. The object resembled a saucer, and moved with great speed. Its altitude was so low that tongues of flame could easily be seen coming from the object. After flying over the field for a brief time, the object disappeared over the bay.

After the above described sightings aroused public and press interest, a special commission to study the information was set up and on the 24th of May the arrival of said commission was expected at the naval base of Puerto Belgrano.

With a group of newsmen and witnesses of former sightings, Captain Luis Sanchez Moreno of Naval Intelligence went to Kilometer marker No. 72 on route 35, the road to La Pampa, to examine the site of an incident involving several truck drivers. Drivers Valentin Tomasini, Guaro Tomasini and Humberto Zenobi told their story:

At about 4:10 a. m. on the morning of the 12th of May they saw what appeared to be a brightly lighted railroad car about 100 meters away from the highway. As they came closer to the object it moved and flew at low altitude across the highway about 70 meters ahead of the lead truck. The lights on the object, which they estimated to be 20 or 30, flickered, and shortly after it crossed the road the lights went out.

Then a red flash about 1.29 m by 50 cm shot out and the vehicle rose from the ground. After it took off, they noted that it was actually two objects which separated and flew off in different directions until they disappeared into the distance.

The duration of the landing was approximately one minute, and the lights seemed to come from about 20 little windows in the vehicle. A hum was heard which the witnesses compared to the dial tone of a telephone.

The drivers continued on their route and when they came back they stopped to inspect the spot. They were surprised to find a number of damp, greyish stains. Samples of the earth were taken later in May for analysis at Puerto Belgrano. Captain Sanchez Moreno, Chief of Intelligence at the Puerto Belgrano Naval Base, stated that the Navy had been concerned with the UFO phenomena since 1952, also he had had occasion, with two others, to observe unidentified objects. He said, "Logically it (his sighting) was not a matter of stars or planets but of mobile bodies with incred-

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object "shaped like two soup plates, one upside down over the other." The main part of it was somehow translucent and the rim glowed even more brightly. After watching a while, Revill went inside for his camera. The object had begun to move away rapidly and by the time he could photograph it, it was just a fast-vanishing point of light. But it showed up on his film.

Mrs. Spotswood, meanwhile, called two neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Pellegrina, who both saw the object and confirmed Revill's description.

The Sheffield area is the site of many reservoirs.

On the 28th of August, John Needham, a butcher who lives in Upper Whiston, a few miles from Sheffield, stepped into his garden to look at the weather. Directly above him he saw an object "like two soup bowls with their rims together" which was glowing with a bright blue light. Round its rim, a series of what looked like tennis balls, were evident. "It was bigger than the moon," said Mr. Needham. As he watched, it soared away and became quite small. He went inside and called the Sheffield Telegraph, and shortly two reporters and a photographer arrived. They were Sheila MacGregor, Christine Cartwright and Keith Graves, all of whom saw something . . . a bright light, high in the sky. According to Miss Cartwright, the light was much too large to be a star, and appeared much larger than visible astronomical bodies. "It seemed to move like a yacht tacking," she said. They looked at the light through a naval telescope and binoculars, and had the firm impression that its outer rim was brilliant and consisted of a series of straight edges like a threepenny piece.

Rancher Sees Hovering Object

A. T. Gray, dairy rancher in the Capay district near Orland, California, reported to the Sheriff's department that he had seen a strange saucer-shaped object hovering over an alfalfa field in September of 1962. The article containing the information was written by Chal Green in the Enterprise-Record, but the exact date of the paper and the name of same was not included by the sender. We would appreciate this information.

Gray reported that he went to the field to shut off pump irrigation as a favor to a friend, John Gilmore, the owner. As he arrived, between 9:45 and

10 p. m., he saw the lights, thought it was a car parked there. As he drove into the field he discovered the object was not a car, but an object about 20 feet in the air. It had two lights, one on each side which seemed to be shining on the ground. It made no noise.

Gray had difficulty seeing the object's shape, but said it was oblong in shape, "it's edges blunt-shaped." The lights seemed to protrude from the main body. Gray moved toward the object, got within 50 yards of it when it moved toward him, skimming the ground, then it zipped off into the southwest. In three or four seconds it was out of sight. Then it came back again, finally veering off east toward Chico.

The object, while hovering, was occasionally silhouetted by lightning behind it, and Gray said it was an eerie sight. He said it was extremely fast, and didn't resemble anything he had ever seen. He further commented that the only noise was a "swishing sound." Note that the object was in the vicinity of a pumping apparatus and irrigation ditches.

Another "Mother" Ship?

On the 26th of August 1962 at 12:30 a.m., APRO member Walter T. Jones, Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., observed a light in the west traveling on a north-south course. He first thought the glowing object was Echo, but noticed a dip in its course at regular intervals. The following is the remainder of his report, word-for-word:

"It increased in size as it came directly ahead of us, until it was several times the size of the planet Venus. As it became larger it was increasingly brighter, and when it remained motionless in the sky, I knew Echo had nothing to do with it. Fortunately, I had my binoculars with me. It hovered at such a distance I couldn't give you a more detailed description than already mentioned, except several smaller, bright round objects appeared beside the large one. This was noticed by my mother, Mrs. Jones, without the use of binoculars.

"The large object disappeared, and from the same area came a row of six of the smaller orbs, with one bright green light following in what I would call an imaginary triangle. This group came directly our way, and passed over our house as low as perhaps several hundred feet. I had the impression they were no higher than a plane would fly when we consider it to be flying very low. The formation headed east, and I saw all of the objects clearly—the six in front, followed by one bright, glowing

green light, and nothing in between, or connecting them. It was a completely silent operation, and the entire incident took no more than three or four minutes."

Green Flash Over Cincinnati

On May 3, 1962, at 8 p.m. a bright greenish-white flash spread across the southern Cincinnati sky. Reports generally agreed its light was visible for three to 10 seconds, that the object or light had a luminous tail and traveled horizontally toward the southwest. The object, described by witnesses as "rocket-shaped," "a soft blue puff," huge in front, skinny at the end" and "a huge ball of fire with a tail, sort of greenish," or "no particular shape," was at an elevation of 30 degrees in the south, traveling from southeast to southwest. Although the object was explained as a possible "meteor," the Cincinnati Enquirer noted that no one had a ready explanation at the time of the sighting. Reports also came from Wheeling, W. Va., and Columbus and Dayton, Ohio airports also received reports.

Antarctica Sightings Corroborated

Thirteen-year-old newspaper boy, Mark Channing of Dalrymple Street, Invercargill, N. Z., reported seeing a cluster of three lights at 7:05 p.m. on 7 July 1962. (See APRO Bulletin for May 1962, Page 3, and correct sighting date to 7 July instead of 9 as stated). The boy reported that he and a friend were standing outside on a street when the object traversed the northern sector of the sky, from west to east. It traveled fast, being in sight no more than 3 minutes and appeared to be losing altitude as it traveled eastward. Mark said the object appeared to be three separate white lights that flashed on and off, the center light being brighter than the others.

A South Hillend farmer who declines to be identified, reported seeing a strange sky object at 4:55 p.m. on the same day. The object he reported was traveling into the southeast, was egg-shaped and bright green in color. It appeared to be at low altitude and released a shower of sparks, of orange and green as it passed over the Wyndam district. The observer did not believe he saw the same object as seen at Antarctica but did forward his information to Mr. Taylor of Hallett Station.

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ible speed and irregularity of movement."

Captain Moreno went on to further elucidate concerning a sighting in his official files which documents the experiences of four people who were traveling in a car on May 12th at 4:30 a. m. when they saw three luminous objects at very close range and very clearly. The witnesses, Captain Moreno said, claimed that the objects followed close to the car for a distance and gave off such a bright light that the passengers could see each other in the car as well as they could have in full sunlight. One of them had to have treatment for an injured retina, thought to be a result of the intense light from the object. The men watched one of the objects fly over the horizon and back, slanting as it cleared a grove of trees, indicating that it was very low in altitude.

At the same time as Captain Moreno's interview with the press, Rear Admiral Eladio M. Vasquez, and Captain Aldo Molinari, second in command of the naval district, revealed that they were at the U. S. Military Mission in Espora on the 11th at 1940 hours (7:40 p. m.) when they saw a "flying saucer"—probably the one photographed by the "La Neuva Provincia" photographer. The photo was published in "La Razon," and APRO has a copy, but it shows only a somewhat flattened globe of light with no details.

The May 1962 issue of the APRO Bulletin carried a short article on page 5 concerning the sighting of a UFO and robot-like occupant. At this date we have the following additional information: The wife of a well-known and respected rancher in the Speluzzi, Vertiz area, saw a landed unconventional aerial object from which came a robot-like creature. It carefully explored the area around the craft, then suddenly apparently became aware of the woman watching, re-entered the object after which the craft ascended into the sky and disappeared toward the north. The woman, in shock, ran crying to her husband. She eventually had to be hospitalized for shock. However, her husband arrived in time to see the object take off. He and others approached the place where the object had rested and found a round area of burned grass. No date was given, nor time of day of the appearance, but "authorities" and neighbors confirmed the fact that the UFO was there, and that the grass had been burned. The object appeared during the "rest" hours, which is probably between 12 and 3 p. m.

Scores of witnesses were cross-examined concerning what they had seen during the night of May 14, 1962, in the near vicinity of the Puerta Belgrano Naval Base. Little or nothing is known about this specific case, but the Navy seemed to be somewhat agitated about the incidents. It is interesting to speculate whether the upset might have been caused by incidents similar to the Texas Army camp affair and the Itaipu Fortress incident (Brazil) in 1957.

A third-hand case forwarded by Bernard Passion from his friend Mr. Echique, involves the May or possibly June sighting (no exact date) of a saucer landing by four people. The people (4) were traveling in a pickup truck bound for a town in Jujuy, and ran out of gas. They pulled up alongside the road and waited for a car to come along so they could go for help. It was 4 a. m. and drizzling rain. Suddenly they saw a bright light coming up the road in their direction. At first they thought it was another car but then realized it was not when it was about 200 yards away. It veered off the road, shot up into the air, "lighting the area as if it were daylight." Then it landed. The object was round in shape, very luminous, and blinked its lights on and off several times. It remained on the ground for about an hour. After that, it took off and disappeared into the distance at high speed.

In "La Opinion," a Spanish language paper published in Los Angeles, a sighting appeared in the August 4 issue. From Entre Rios Province, Argentina, came a report that a flying saucer landed on a road near Parana. Out of it came human-like beings over 6 feet tall, fair-haired with very large eyes. The sighting was reported by Dr. Gazua, of Parana, who was traveling in his car with his wife on their way to Goya City.

Dr. Gazua said that he was driving when he spotted the luminous object about 10 yards from his car. The beings then came out of it and signaled him to stop. When he overcame his surprise, he sped off. His wife was shocked at the incident but was soon well.

The same article stated that a truck driver who was also driving along the road, claimed he saw three beings whose shape he could not tell.

Another report, this time possibly in June, was reported in the June 4 issue of La Voz Del Interior: Dr. Felix Di Pinto and his companions, Pablo Chiavassa, Doctor Raul Oliva Otero, Angel Slinsky and Castaneda and Engineer Carlos Alberto Carena, were out on Dike of the River, Los Molinos, Cordoba, along with approximately 40 others when two brilliant blue objects flew overhead. They

were first attracted by the reflection and upon looking up they saw two shiny blue spheres which left a blue "wake" or "trail." They came out of the west at a relatively slow speed, about 500 KM per hour. They were observed to change color as they passed over and disappeared.

Although La Voz Del Interior gave no date, La Razon of Cordoba, in its 15 May issue, stated that several residents of Cordoba observed a strange object "plowing through the air" at about 4 to 4:30 a. m. "It traveled at high speed in the direction of the dike of Los Molinos and then disappeared," it said. There is only one object in this instance, but the coincidence of the early morning hour and the Los Molinas dike indicate that it may have been the same sighting of at least one of the objects.

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The above concludes the somewhat skimpy information gleaned from South American reports. Besides difficulties with translations, we have the problem of obtaining information. Richard Hall of NICAP was kind enough to furnish the copies of clippings they had obtained, but unfortunately the information was almost a complete duplication of what APRO had gathered. If further information is obtained on these sightings, we will feature it in a future issue.

Seattle—Another Fire Ball

On May 19, 1962 at 9:15 hundreds of Seattle, Washington residents were startled by the swift passage of a huge yellow ball of fire which appeared to burn out in the atmosphere. Reports of observations came from various points in Oregon, California and Washington. It was generally believed to have crashed near Seattle, but reports that it was seen west of Glendale Falls, Oregon and northwest of Red Bluff, Calif., placed the object over the Pacific Ocean when it either burned out, continued through the atmosphere, or crashed into the sea. Two hours after the spectacular sight, many people in Seattle reported another strange object, a bright light, moving from west to east. The Seattle Post Intelligencer, in the May 29 issue, said that there was speculation that the second mysterious object which "appeared about the size of the U.S. Balloon satellite Echo I, may have been the same one first spotted yesterday at Jupiter, Fla." According to UPI, the article continued, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge, Mass., later sent out a request that satellite tracking stations around the world help follow a "suspected (and) unpredicted bright satellite."

Monitoring and Scanning UFOs

By C. W. Fitch

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"On Saturday, July 17, on the road to Istres, a textile merchant and his wife were cruising along in their little van at some 100 k.m. an hour. All at once the driver noticed at a slight distance from the windshield, a strange bluish light. Then everything happened in a flash!

Did the bluish light reach the windshield, or did it emanate from it, immediately preceding the invidious proper? Impossible to say. The fact is, that after the appearance of this mysterious light the windshield flew into splinters. The driver braked hard and stopped. At the same time as the windshield splintered, a strange whitish mist, an impalpable but sharply defined cloud, formed in the van. The driver's wife felt an inexplicable heat envelope her bust. A kind of uniform pressure pressed her nylon blouse to her skin; we must emphasize that neither the wind nor the surrounding warm air had any part in this phenomenon.

Imagine this business lady's astonishment on discovering, immediately after experiencing this strange sensation, that her white nylon blouse had become straw yellow." (For another example of color change, see March 1962 APRO Bulletin story, "Saucer Blocked Road in Norway").

The CHICAGO SUN-TIMES of August 19, 1960 carried an item "Blue Lights in the Night Add to Meteorite Mystery."

"Consider the hair-raising experience of four occupants of an auto south-bound on Illinois 49 during the early-morning hours of July 2.

Dave Darnell, 58, of 1745 N. Drake, a punch-press operator, was driving. Next to him was his wife Alean, 49. In the back seat, sleeping, were the Darnells' daughter, Mrs. Nell Braddy, 20, and son-in-law, Jerry Braddy, 22, both of the Drake address.

The family was Tennessee-bound. Nothing out of the ordinary occurred until they were about two hours' journey south of Kankakee.

And then, as Mrs. Darnell tells it:

"The sky lit up with a beautiful blue light. It began in the south and got brighter and brighter until the whole earth was bathed in a light that was bright as the moon, and then bright as the sun. It was so bright you could see to pick a pin off the highway.

An object like a ball of fire came out of the south and passed right over our

car with a tail like a streak of blue lighting behind it. We speeded up because we were afraid and the car got so hot we could hardly breathe. It woke up my daughter and her husband in the back seat. They actually woke up 'fighting for air.' Then gradually the light faded and the thing in the sky went away in the north." Unquote.

Another strange and frightening experience appeared in THE EAGLE BEND NEWS of Thursday, May 25, 1961, under the heading: "What Was It? A Phenomenon?"

A strange, frightening phenomenon was witnessed a week ago Wednesday evening, May 10th, by Richard Vogt, who resides south of Eagle Bend. The incident, which as yet has University of Minnesota scientists baffled, occurred on the aforementioned evening at about 11:30 p. m. about one and one-half miles south of Osakis, Minnesota.

In an interview with the individual involved, the News learned that Richard Vogt was enroute home from a business trip which had taken him several miles south of Osakis. When enroute to his home Vogt noted what he described as a ball of fog approximately three feet in diameter, and somewhat elongated, descending toward him from a perfectly clear sky at about a forty-five degree angle. It approached with such rapidity that Vogt was unable to take any evasive action and the mysterious object struck the automobile on the upper section of the hood and windshield. The sound of the impact of the strange matter with the vehicle Vogt describes as he imagines it would sound if driving at a high rate of speed into a thrown shovel full of fine gravel.

A tremendous amount of heat was generated and the interior of the vehicle was heated almost instantaneously to a near unbearable heat, and the windshield which received the full impact of the "fog mass" was extremely hot to the touch. It was so hot, in fact, that to have held the hand in contact with the glass for more than a very brief moment would have resulted in a burn.

Mr. Vogt was so startled by the unusual happening that at first he envisioned an atomic blast, a disintegrating rocket or nose cone, or perhaps even some other newer and more deadly weapon as the result of scientific research. He admitted having felt very uncomfortable as a result of his experience.

As proof of his harrowing experience, Mr. Vogt has his Chevrolet automobile. The pit marks which were burned into the windshield, the circular cracks in the glass which resulted from the intense heat, and the burned specks in the

finish of the hood, are all there to corroborate his story.

This strange phenomena has been reported to the University of Minnesota scientists and one, W. J. Luyten, after discussing it with several colleagues, seems to have no definite answer as yet. His personal feeling is that it might have been either a collection of small meteorites, surrounded by some gas produced when they came through the atmosphere or that it was what is sometimes called "ball lightning." This latter is, however, usually a very dangerous affair, and if it hits anything such as the windshield of a car, the object that is struck usually disintegrates.

The matter has been referred to other colleagues of the University scientist who are more informed on matters such as this, and will be evaluated to a greater degree."

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Consideration of the foregoing cases which offer evidence of the validity of Mr. Wilbur Smith's statement that "A rise in temperature in the vicinity of these craft from elsewhere has been reported on many occasions," serves to prepare one for the possibility that a UFO could conceivably have been the unknown factor involved in the following tragedy.

THE PIKE COUNTY NEWS of Pikeville, Ky., on November 23, 1960, carried the headline "Foul Play Theory Out in Deaths of 5 in Burned Vehicle."

"Foul play has been ruled out in the deaths of five Greasy Creek residents whose bodies, charred beyond recognition, were found about 8 a. m. Sunday in a burned automobile on the right fork of Grassy Creek.

County Attorney John Paul Runyon said autopsies performed on two of the bodies have ruled out the possibility of foul play.

The five bodies were identified as those of four men and a youth.

The bodies were seated in an upright position and they had not been pinned in. The right front door of the vehicle was open and blood was found near the car. Only fire damage to the vehicle was reported. The car appeared to have been driven off the side of the road into a shallow creek.

The autopsy report on the two bodies were returned yesterday and indicated that the two were definitely alive when fire began consuming the automobile. "Quite a bit" of carbon monoxide was present in the bodies, and the exact percentage will be reported later.

Dr. Frank Cleveland of Cincinnati's Kettering Laboratory examined two of

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the bodies yesterday and said death was caused by fire fracture or internal heat.

Runyon said the presence of blood near the car remains to be explained, and added "The investigation will continue in order to explain what is evidently an accidental death." Unquote.

(Additional factors included in the coroner's report, and recorded at APRO headquarters indicate the presence of a heat source from above the car. See APRO Bulletin, July, 1963. The Editor).

Individual experiences with night-flying balls of light have found their way into the news on a number of occasions.

The LONDON FREE PRESS of Dec. 2, 1957 reported the following incident:

"Mrs. Gerald Alderman has had a weird, almost eerie encounter with an UFO. The incident took place Friday, the night of November 29, 1957. She described the object in detail.

It was within 75 feet of her car. "It was a little thing, a round ball about six to eight inches in diameter and aglow with a fiercely bright white light. It had a 'tail' of light two or three feet long, and it was spinning as it moved in an orbit twenty or thirty feet across."

Mrs. Alderman was driving the family car on No. 80 highway, about two miles north of Glencoe shortly after 5 p. m., when she saw the object first, "quite high in the sky." It dropped fast she said, cleared the highway and fences and hovered about a foot above the road just ahead of her car. It was within range of the car headlights set on dim. It paused a few minutes, then shot away at extreme speed, angling upward. "It looked like a star, but much bigger and brighter," she said. Unquote. Credit: THE VISITOR, Vol. II, No. 1, Nov. Dec., 1957.

Comparison is made to a somewhat similar sighting which appeared in the August, 1962 issue of SPACE, published by Norbert F. Gariety of Coral Gables, Florida. The incident is described under the heading "UFO THROWS TELEVISION SET OUT OF KILTER IN JERSEY."

"The TV set was acting up all night. Then about 11 p. m., it got very bad," Mrs. Jessie Bilancio of Homestead Ave., Bordentown, Township, explained.

Investigating the cause of the disturbance, the woman walked out into the rear yard and there "off to my right—about the size of my fist—was a very bright object." It was last Friday (June 1, 1962) evening when the UFO apparently touched off the electrical disturbance in Mrs. Bilancio's TV set.

"It didn't reflect light," the woman explained the strange sighting. "It—the light—hovered in the top of a tree in

my yard less than 30 feet above me. Then it moved to the lower limbs, something like a firefly. "I first thought it was a spotlight," she continued, "but then when it moved from branch to branch and finally flashed away into the sky, I realized it was something that was giving off its own light." Mrs. Bilancio said it all happened so fast she did not have time to become frightened.

"When I told my husband about it inside the house, he started kidding me," she added." Unquote.

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Incidents in which small UFOs or lights have followed or 'pursued' cars are also on record. (If APRO readers know of other such cases we would like to hear from you about them.)

The following experiences are typical: THE LAMPASAS (Texas) RECORD, Thursday, Jan. 29, 1959.

"Lampasas Couple 'Victims' of Mysterious, Fast-Flying Lights."

"Unidentified Flying Objects!"

Ghost Lights!

"You may not believe in them but you would have a hard time convincing Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Richardson that they don't exist.

The Richardsons say they have been 'victims' of fast-flying lights for about the past six weeks, always in the same general area and the same general time (12:30 to 2:30 a. m. on Sunday mornings).

Latest episode with the lights ended with a wrecked automobile and cuts and bruises suffered by Mrs. Richardson Saturday night after the lights "chased" them a short distance.

It all began the Saturday before Christmas when the youthful couple were headlight-hunting rabbits about 10 miles north of Lampasas on the Spivey-Tapp Road, close to School Creek, the couple related.

That night they spotted six, blue-white lights, approximately four times the size of a headlight on a car, hanging about 75 feet in the air. The lights were about a quarter of a mile from the road, Richardson said, and in brushy country.

"We didn't pay much attention to them," Franklin said, "but after noticing them for a while, they began moving around so that sometimes they looked like a string up and down, sometimes they would blend into one light and sometimes they would dance crazily without pattern."

"The lights would jump and race and blink off and on," said Mrs. Richardson. "We watched them for a while and suddenly two of them broke loose from the rest and approached us very rapidly," she stated.

"They came within about 150 feet of our car and then stopped and sank slowly into the ground. Shortly afterwards, two lights came up through a pasture, skimming the tree tops and although they were out of range of a .22 rifle, they lit up the interior of the car," Mrs. Richardson state.

Each of the nights several boys and girls from the high school have gone to the hills east of the city to watch them. Tuesday night there were between 30 and 40 boys and girls watching them. Jim Tichenor who has been watching them each night said they looked to be about 18 inches in diameter. They swooped down over the city, from the hills in the east and from the hills in the west from Iowa. Sometimes they just miss each other. They show a white light."

On subsequent trips, the couple said, they saw lights coming out of the ground and sinking back into the earth.

"Peculiarly enough, we would only see the lights on Saturday night and between 12:30 and 2:30 in the morning—always on clear nights."

Saturday night, January 24, the Richardsons pulled up and parked on the roadway purposely to see if they could spot the lights again.

"We hadn't been there but just a few minutes when we spotted a huge light about 20 miles north and to the east of us. The light hopscotched across the mountain and in nothing flat it was directly east of us. Without slackening speed the light made a right angle turn and headed directly for us," Franklin said.

"I was driving," said Mrs. Richardson, "and I started the car and was trying to get out of there."

"I looked over my shoulder and saw the light to the right and in back of us, real close," she said. "I was trying to get away from it and trying to watch the road and the light at the same time when we approached a curve and I hit the brakes.

"The loose gravel made the braking car swerve to the right and it bounced off a tree and crossed to the left side of the road and hit another tree," she said.

The car was severely damaged and Mrs. Richardson suffered cuts and bruises and has been in bed much of this week.

"I brought my wife into the hospital early Sunday morning for treatment and when she was okay, I hunted up the highway patrolman and we went back to the wreck," Franklin said.

"When we got back there I saw two of the lights but neither one was close

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enough to get a good look at it," he said.

The Richardsons described the lights as "blue-white, very similar to the mercury vapor lights used in some street lighting. There were no direct rays and there was nothing solid around the lights—just the brightness without reflection or rays."

The young couple would be hard to convince that the lights are hallucinations, vapors, St. Elmo's fire or other figments of imagination, because to them—THEY'RE REAL!" Unquote.

The SUPERIOR (Nebraska) EXPRESS of July 16, 1959 carried the following account of an equally strange experience:

"Anyone Else See the Flying Saucer or Whatever It Was? Three Saw It."

They didn't get a close-up view of it, and they do not claim to have seen a flying saucer. There must be some logical explanation of it they agree, but they haven't figured out what it is. There certainly was something flying around Nuckolls county one night recently, and at least three persons saw it.

First to sight the strange object was Jim Chapman of Nelson. Jim had been at a ball game in Oak and saw it first at about 10:30 p. m., on his way home, just before turning west at the corner three miles southwest of Oak. It was ahead of him then, he said, and when he turned west, it turned too, then went north in front of him, and again followed him west along the road.

Jim said that he was just "plain scared," and that the first thing he thought of was to turn around and head back where there were some people. On his way back toward Oak, he met Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kubicek, who were on their way home to Nelson. Jim turned around and the three headed for Nelson. The object followed them about the same as it had been following Jim. It changed directions several times, seemed to stop and start again, and finally flew off in another direction and faded from view.

The object was not bright, appeared to be round and several inches in diameter, and was at about a 30-degree angle in the sky and about a quarter of a mile distant. Anyone else see it?" Unquote.

(An attempt was made by the writer to contact Chapman relative to his experience but he would not correspond. Since he did not have a phone the effort did not meet with success. However, the Kubiceks were reached by phone and Mrs. Kubicek confirmed their sighting. She was unable to add any additional

details to the printed newspaper version of their experience related above, but did remark that they felt the strange light must have been a reflection but didn't know what from and were badly frightened by the weirdness of the experience.

In THE CAPITAL TIMES of Madison, Wisconsin, on Thursday, Nov. 24, 1960, appeared an item. "Flying Discs Are Seen at Prairie." "Prairie du Chien — Getting quite a thrill watching flying discs here. They were first noticed by Darwin Tichenor Saturday morning while waiting for the deer season to open in Grant county. Since that time, on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings they have been seen over the city.

Two letters received from Mr. Darwin Tichenor give such an excellent, firsthand description of his experience with these small discs or lights that they have been included for the reader's enlightenment.

Prairie du Chien, Wis.
June 5, 1961

Dear Mr. Fitch:

I received your letter of May 24, and was very much interested in it.

I first sighted these objects about 5:00 a.m. one November morning while I was going deer hunting. I was crossing an open field on a hill when I noticed a strange light just about the horizon. I paid no special attention to it until it began moving back and forth at a tremendous speed. I continued watching it until it suddenly zoomed high into the sky and became stationary. I continued watching it until I saw three smaller, perfectly round discs appear as if from nowhere. These discs gave off a cool, fluorescent light. The three discs flew in the same plane and were equal distances from each other. They moved slowly like this in perfect formation until they were very close to the first light. Then when they reached a certain point just a little way from the first disc, they completely vanished, as if they had been taken in by the larger one. As I continued to watch I saw several more of the smaller discs move across the sky and disappear in exactly the same manner. The sky was overcast that morning so the objects were definitely under the cloud cover, but I was unable to judge just how far away they were.

I do not know what these objects were but I do know that no balloons, airplanes, meteorites or other known objects could act like the ones I sighted did. The light from them was very steady. They made absolutely no noise and left no vapor trail. I told several friends about my sighting but they showed the typical re-

action of disbelief.

As I was driving along that night I noticed a light on the horizon which I had never seen before. I stopped the car to get a better look. I noticed then that this light was moving back and forth while remaining in the same general location. I watched it for a while and then decided to drive to a nearby hill where I could see much better. When I got to the hill I could not see the original light any more. Instead I saw two lights which were not moving. As I watched them they would suddenly go out and then slowly light up again and gain intensity until they would suddenly disappear again. These lights repeated this cycle without moving even slightly.

After watching them a while longer I went to get some of my friends to show them the objects. When I returned with several friends the large lights were still in the sky and we noticed several other moving ones. They would seem to come up over the nearby hills and then move along down through the valleys and suddenly disappear.

Sometimes the objects would move steadily along and again they would make sudden dashes, slow down and zoom off again. We were sitting in the car watching the objects because of the cold outside. I was becoming somewhat disappointed because the lights did not come any closer. Then one of them that we were watching appeared to 'creep' slowly over the hills and came toward the car.

It did not disappear but came closer and closer. Then it came directly toward the car. It appeared that it was surely going to hit the car and everyone, including myself, ducked down. When we looked up, the object was gone. It was probably about 50 feet from the car when I ducked. The object was probably two or three feet in diameter. Because of the very brilliant light, I could make out no definite outline or shape of the object itself. This was the closest that any of the objects came.

For several nights these objects were seen. Many people would go up on the hill and watch them. Even the local authorities saw them but did not report them. Then one night they were gone and I have not seen them since.

Since then I have become very interested in trying to learn more about these objects.

Sincerely,

Darwin Tichenor."

In a second letter dated June 27, 1961, Darwin Tichenor replied to questions asked him by the writer:

"My younger brother and two friends

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were out one night looking for the objects when one of them started coming in very close. He told me that when he shone the beam from his flashlight in the direction of the light, it suddenly disappeared. This bears a close resemblance to the behavior of the four lighted objects above the freight train described in the pamphlet which you sent me." (Tichenor's reference here is to the Monon Railroad sighting which is described in detail by Frank Edwards in the February, 1959 issue of FATE magazine).

"You also asked why I described the light as "creeping" toward us. This was because the light seemed only a few feet off the ground and moved somewhat like a cat creeping toward an intended victim. By this I mean that the light would move very slowly and then suddenly speed up and again slow down. It usually moved slowly but occasionally would make these little bursts of speed.

When it came directly at the car, it appeared to keep at the same level and come directly toward us. I do not think that it continued to go on over the car with the light on. Rather it seemed that the object stopped giving off light. We did not see it after we ducked our heads."

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An even more weird and frightening experience is related in the LEWISTON-AUBURN, (Maine) JOURNAL of Nov. 9, 1961: "Former Lewiston Couple Has Weird Experience as Car Is Chased By Lights."

"Mr. and Mrs. Richard DuBois of 13481 Shirley St., Westminster, California, formerly of Lewiston, (Me.) returning home from a brief visit to Maine, were the disturbed victims of a somewhat macabre game of tag played on the moonlit reaches of America's famous route 66, it was learned today.

"For more than 30 miles between the towns of Datil and Pie Town in New Mexico, the DuBois car was accompanied by a brilliant ball of white light which climaxed its frightfully persistent visit with the travelers by breaking up into four individual smaller lights.

It was about 2 a. m., when Mrs. DuBois' attention was attracted to the light as it flashed across the front of their car, slowed down, and then turned back, and seemingly followed the automobile as it proceeded along the highway.

Her first thought, as she pointed it out to her husband, was that it was from a plane seeking an emergency landing area.

Its strange behavior shortly put the

idea to route, however, when it began its game of tag. Flashing ahead of the car with great speed it slowed and then waited until the car caught up with it. Again it flashed ahead and returned.

DuBois attempted to quiet his wife's alarm with an explanation that it was a reflection, a trick of the moonlight, but this idea, too, was soon refuted when the car entered a dark canyon, not reached by the moonlight. The light when traveling in front of the car suddenly broke up into four smaller lights which followed along side the machine for some distance until the car reached a small roadside motel and service station.

When DuBois brought his car to a stop the lights flashed up into the sky and flitted out of sight.

Mrs. DuBois said they stopped at the next town and asked if there had been any reports of flying objects, but people only laughed at them.

"They may have thought it was funny, but we were plenty scared," she said.

An account of the Dubois' experience appeared in the Jan. 1962 issue of the APRO Bulletin. In a letter to the writer under date of Nov. 4, 1962, Mrs. DuBois made the following enlightening statements:

"The object or ball of light was just about 30 yards from us and was about as big as the car and it was more like a ball of white fire. I also feel that it was under intelligent control for it would be right by the car and when we stopped the car, it would stop also. The object followed us for about one hour. We were driving at about 90 miles an hour.

"At one point my husband stopped the car and ran out into a field to see if he could get a better look at it but he did not, for at that time it went up into the sky, but as soon as he got back in the car it came right back down. It would come close to the car and then it would go up on top of the mountain. At one point it went up into the sky and broke up into four small round discs which looked about as big as golf balls." Unquote.

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THE REGISTER, Storm Lake, Iowa, of August 21, 1962, reports the following experience of a motorist with a small disc.

"While returning from Cherokee, Gus Goettsch reported that his car was struck by what appeared to be a flying saucer.

According to the report, Mr. Goettsch was on a gravel road south of Aurelia when he noticed this object about the size of a paper plate spinning along outside his car. He said it had what appeared to be sparks dropping from it.

Goettsch reported that the object struck the rear fender of his car and disappeared. It left no mark on the car and he was traveling about 30 miles per hour when the incident took place." Unquote. (Credit: Wash. State NICAP Sub-Committee, Seattle, Washington).

Clues On Mysterious Cremation

On 20 November 1960, the badly charred bodies of five people, later identified as four men and a youth, were found in a burned car at Grassy Creek, Kentucky. One door was open—there was blood outside near the car, and the upright position of the bodies showed no indication of a struggle.

The autopsies showed the deaths were caused by fire fracture or "internal heat". The skulls of the corpses, explained by Cincinnati's Kettering Laboratory, indicated that they had fractured as a result of extreme internal heat. One puzzle was tiny bits of metal found in the bodies, which were first thought to be shotgun pellets. Careful examination, however, showed that the fragments were bits of molten metal from the top of the car which had dripped down into the bodies.

Authorities told the Pike County News that they had no idea what had happened. Some points to be pondered:

The car appeared to have been driven off the road and into a shallow creek. The only part of the car which was melted was the top, the rest had just burned, indicating an intense heat source from above.

On the basis of what we know about the car and bodies and their position, we can hypothesize that after feeling the sudden, intense heat, the driver may have panicked and started to drive the car into the water to combat the heat while the passengers on the right front flung the door open in preparation for getting out. Apparently, however, no further action was possible.

If we consider the evidence in this case along with repeated reports of glowing objects following cars, causing intense and sudden rises in temperature in the interiors of the vehicles being pursued, we begin to see the correlation of data which has led researchers to conclude that at least some UFOs are dangerous, and that the occupants are, at best, not concerned with the welfare of humans.

For references on above reports, see C. W. Fitch's article this issue, also APRO Bulletin issues containing sightings of UFOs pursuing cars in Brazil, Venezuela, etc.